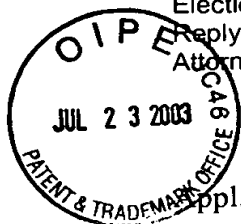


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Solution and Apparatus

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 26, 2003, in which the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-5 and 19-24, drawn to a process for producing hydrogen peroxide; and

Group II: Claims 7-18 and 25-37, drawn to an apparatus for producing a purified aqueous hydrogen peroxide solution.

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the invention of Group I including claims 1-5 and 19-24. The Examiner indicated that claim 6 links the inventions of Groups I and II and if claim 6 is allowed, the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions would be withdrawn.

Examination of claims 1-5, 19-24 as well as linking claim 6 is respectfully requested.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on July 21, 2003.

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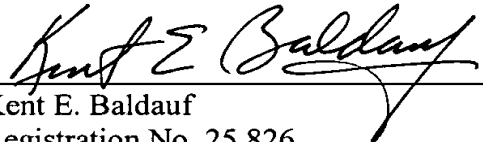
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Applicants reserve their right to file at a later time a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b), there is no change in inventorship as a result of this election.

Respectfully resubmitted,

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